



With more than 367 miles of cave passageways, Mammoth Cave ranks as the longest known cave in the world. Mammoth Cave National Park was established in 1941. In 1981, the park was designated a World Heritage Site, and became the core area of an International Biosphere Reserve in 1990. The park merits this extra protection and special status for its spectacular features on the surface and in the cave, and the way they illustrate the connection between humans and their environment.

## Ranger-Led Activity Schedule • Summer 2010

Early Summer	Mid Summer	Late Summer
May 29–June 25	June 26–August 8 and September 4-5	August 9–September 3 and September 6
Departures		
4:45	9:00, 4:15, 5:00	8:45, 4:45
8:45, 9:30, 4:45	8:30, 9:15, 5:30	9:30, 12:00, 5:00
Offered as visitation warrants	Offered Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the week following July 4	Offered as visitation warrants
9:30, 10:30, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 4:00	10:00, 12:00, 1:00, (2:00 Fri.-Sun. only), 2:45, 3:45, 4:45	9:00, 10:30, 12:45, 2:15, 2:45, 4:00
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9:15	9:30, 1:30	9:15
	3:30	
6:15	6:30	6:15
	(7:00pm Fri.-Sun. only)	
	2:15	
2:00	9:30	2:00
10:00	10:00	10:00
Departures		
1:45	2:00	1:45
1:30	1:45	1:30
8:15pm	8:15pm	8:15pm
	9:45, 11:45, 1:45, 4:15	
4:45	(4:45 Fri.-Sun. only)	4:45
8:00am–6:15pm	8:00am–7:15pm	8:00am–6:15pm

*Not available by reservation. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center on day of tour only.
<b>Note—Certain tours have age limits! Please review the tour descriptions on the reverse side of this brochure before selecting your tour.</b>

Prices				
Cave Tour	Adults	Youth*	Special Access**	Educational***
Mammoth Passage Tour	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$2.50	
Frozen Niagara Tour	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	
Mammoth Cave Discovery Tour	\$4.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	
Historic Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
New Entrance Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	
Grand Avenue Tour	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Snowball Tour	\$14.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	
Violet City Lantern Tour	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$7.50	
River Styx Cave Tour	\$13.00	\$9.00	\$6.50	
Star Chamber Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Focus on Frozen Niagara Photo Tour	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	
Trog	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	
Introduction to Caving	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$11.50	
Wild Cave Tour	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	

\*Youth is 6 -12 years of age. \*\*Special access prices are for visitors presenting Golden Age, Golden Access, and America The Beautiful Senior and Access Passes. \*\*\*Educational prices apply to Kindergarten-College groups. Please call the park at 270.758.2180 to schedule your educational group. †Box office only—not available by reservation.

### Interested in a second cave tour?

A \$3 second-tour discount may apply to Historic, New Entrance, Frozen Niagara, and Mammoth Passage tours if purchased in person at the park for tours on the same day only. Note: The entire Frozen Niagara Tour route is seen on the New Entrance Tour. Parts of Mammoth Passage Tour are seen on Historic.

### Getting Here

Mammoth Cave National Park is located near Interstate 65 in southcentral Kentucky, about 90 miles from both Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN. From the north, take exit 53 (Cave City); from the south, take Exit 48 (Park City). Signs will direct you to the park Visitor Center. Our address is 1 Mammoth Cave Parkway, Mammoth Cave, KY 42259

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**We're in the Central Time Zone!**

►The Following Items are not permitted on Cave Tours: Camera bags and tripods, strollers, luggage (suitcases, duffel bags, etc.), backpacks, bags of any type (including purses and diaper bags). Bags containing necessary medicinal supplies are permitted, but must be inspected and tagged as approved at the visitor center. ►The following items are not permitted on cave tours or in the visitor center: Any other type of weapon (clubs, batons, brass knuckles, etc.), pepper spray/ mace, sharp instruments (box cutters, scissors, etc.), knives, firearms. Secure these items in your vehicle, or in one of the lockers provided at the bus loading area.

►White-Nose Syndrome Alert: In order to minimize the spread of White-Nose Syndrome, a fungus that has resulted in the death of more than one million bats in the eastern United States, Mammoth Cave National Park has instituted stringent decontamination procedures for all off-trail spelunking tours this summer. ►Clothing, footwear, and handheld items that have previously been worn or carried into caves or mines in the eastern or central time zones may not be brought into Mammoth Cave on any tour. ►Participants on standard on-trail walking tours may be required to undergo minor decontamination measures upon exiting the cave. For more information, call 270.758.2180, look for the latest information on the park website at [www.nps.gov/macaca/whitenose.htm](http://www.nps.gov/macaca/whitenose.htm), or inquire at the Information Desk upon arrival at the park Visitor Center.

## Reservations

Please note that Mammoth Cave National Park offers a number of guided tours, both on the surface and underground. Demand is high for these popular activities—tours can, and do, sell out. You may reserve tickets in advance for cave tours by calling (877)444-6777. Campground reservations are also available through this service. You may also make your reservations via internet using the address:

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

### For Reservations...

By Phone:	(877)444-6777
TDD (hearing impaired):	(877)833-6777
Payment...	

### Cancellation...

Cancellation fees apply. Call (888)448-1474 for more information.

### Call Center Hours...

9:00 am–9:00 pm Central Time, 7 days a week.

►As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws, to legally possess firearms in this park. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local and federal laws before entering this park. As a starting point, please visit the Kentucky State Police website at: [www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm). ►Federal law also prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park; those places are marked with signs at all public entrances. Simply put, this means that visitors will be able to openly carry firearms on trails, in campgrounds, in the camp store or any other area in which carrying is not specifically prohibited. Persons with valid concealed weapons permits may carry concealed weapons in these areas also. **All firearms are Strictly Prohibited from the following areas**, regardless of whether the visitor has a valid concealed weapons permit: ►ALL government buildings that are classified as a federal facility; ►ALL cave tours; ►ALL buses used to carry visitors for cave tours; ►The Mammoth Cave Hotel Lobby, Rotunda Room, gift shops, dining areas, and the Cavers' Camp Store. All of these areas will be identified with an NPS-approved “No Firearms Allowed” decal or placard.



### Camping & Picnic Shelter Fees

Location	Site Type	Regular	Special Access
Mammoth Cave CG	Regular	\$17.00	\$8.50
Mammoth Cave CG	VIP Public	\$40.00	\$20.00
Mammoth Cave CG	Group	\$20.00	
Maple Springs CG	Group	\$30.00	
Maple Springs CG	Horse-Hookups	\$30.00	
Maple Springs CG	Horse-Primitive	\$22.00	
Houchin Ferry CG	Primitive	\$12.00	\$6.00
Picnic Shelter	Open Air	\$25.00	

Limited availability.

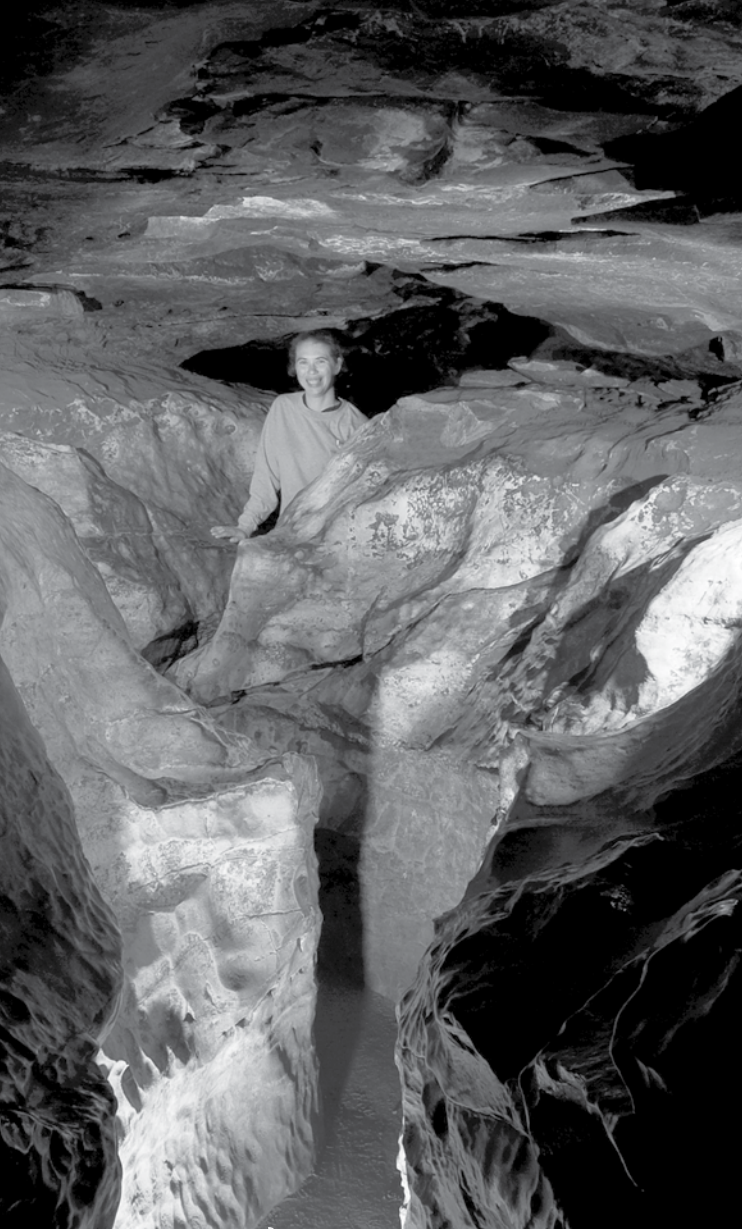
Picnic Shelter	Enclosed	\$50.00	
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One shelter; available weekends from March 1 to Memorial Day; Daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and weekends from Labor Day to November 30.

# Mammoth Cave National Park



## Ranger-Led Programs



## Summer • 2010



## Underground Tours

### Mammoth Passage Tour

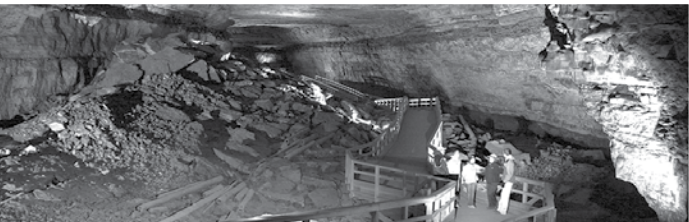
►Considered a brief “smorgasbord” of cultural and natural topics, this tour is a perfect short visit into the cave’s largest and most visited entrance area. Includes the Narrows, Rotunda, large trunk passage and a steep outdoor hillside trail to and from the cave’s natural entrance! ►1¼ hours, ¾ mile. Tour limit: 40. Total stairs: 160. Elevation change: 160’. ►Includes parts of the Historic and all of the Discovery tour routes. Not available by reservation. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**

### Frozen Niagara Tour

►Often the perfect taste of Mammoth Cave for visitors with very small children, elderly family members, or others who cannot walk long distances. Not sure you like close places? Have trouble walking or managing long staircases? This short visit through a decorative area of Mammoth Cave might be best for you. ►1¼ hours, ¼ mile. Tour limit: 36. Total stairs: 12, plus an optional 98. Elevation change: 40’. ►Includes parts of the New Entrance and Grand Avenue tour routes. Not available by reservation. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**

### Mammoth Cave Discovery Tour

►Visit the Rotunda, one of the largest rooms in the cave, explore a vast canyon passageway, and learn about 19th-century saltpeter mining operations and the geologic origins of Mammoth Cave on this self-guiding tour. ►½ hour, ¾ mile. . Total stairs: 160. Elevation change: 160’. ►Includes part of the Historic and the full Mammoth Passage Tour routes. Offered as visitation warrants. Call the Park the day of your visit to check availability. Not available by reservation. Not available by reservation. ►Meets at the Historic Entrance. **Difficulty: Easy.**



### Historic Tour

►Been in other more decorative caves, but never in Mammoth Cave? This journey through the natural entrance leads to “classic” Mammoth Cave—landmarks visited by writers, scientists, military figures and celebrities of the 1800s and early 1900s. A great family trip! ►2 hours, 2 miles. Tour limit: 120. Total stairs: 440, including 155 at Mammoth Dome. Elevation change: 300’. ►Limited areas of the Mammoth Cave Discovery, Mammoth Passage, Star Chamber, River Styx and Violet City Lantern Tours are visited on this route. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**



### New Entrance Tour

►A wonderful compliment to the Historic Tour, this trip includes a dramatic series of domes and pits, typical large trunk passageways, a short journey through dripstone formations and stairs, stairs, stairs! (Small children may find this trip overly challenging.) ►2 hours, ¾ mile. Tour limit: 114. Total stairs: 500, including 280 on initial descent. Elevation change: 250’. ►Includes the complete Frozen Niagara Tour route and a portion of the Grand Avenue Tour route. If you have weak knees, think twice about taking this tour. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

### Grand Avenue Tour

►This long tour is the one you want if you like a strong physical walking challenge or already experienced shorter Mammoth Cave tours. Focuses on the “ups and downs” of the cave system, including multiple tough hill climbs and lots of geological variety. (Includes a short stop for a purchased box lunch at the one-mile mark.) ►4½ hours, 4 miles. Tour limit: 78. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 670. Elevation change: 280’, with hills more than 60’ in some places. ►The Snowball and Frozen Niagara Tour routes, and portions of the New Entrance tour route, are seen on this tour. This tour is not recommended for visitors who have heart or respiratory illnesses, diabetes or walking difficulty. Food is available at the Snowball Room. Box lunch costs \$7.50 (cash only). Visitors may opt to carry their own picnic lunch into the cave, but must pack it in a clear, see-through backpack or large ziplock bags. Food is allowed only at Snowball Room. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**

### Snowball Tour

►From the craggy breakdown of the Rocky Mountains, enter the beautifully elliptical Cleaveland Avenue, encrusted with gypsum formations in various crystalline shapes and sizes, from sparkling needles to showy mineral “flowers”. Arrive one mile later in the Snowball Room and enjoy a bite to eat—just as visitors have done there since the 19th century! ►3 hours, 2 miles. Tour limit: 38. Total stairs: 366 (183 in and out). Elevation change: 267’. ►This entire route is seen on the Grand Avenue Tour. Food is available at the Snowball Room. Box lunch costs \$7.50 (cash only). Visitors may opt to carry their own picnic lunch into the cave, but must pack it in a clear, see-through backpack or large ziplock bags. Food is allowed only at Snowball Room. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

### Violet City Lantern Tour

►A traditional trip through classic Mammoth Cave by lantern light. This visit to numerous historic landmarks provides a good physical workout as well as nostalgic insights to the cave’s earliest tours. ►3 hours, 3 miles. Tour limit: 38. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 160, and numerous hills without handrails. Elevation change: 160’. ►Includes parts of the Historic, Discovery, Star Chamber, and Mammoth Passage Tour routes. Lanterns may cause some discomfort for visitors with respiratory illnesses. Only adults may carry the provided lanterns. No flash photography or flashlights permitted. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**



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### River Styx Cave Tour

►Want a glimpse of the underground rivers at the cave’s deepest levels? This journey includes the complete Historic Tour route, plus a short visit down to the Dead Sea, the banks of River Styx and a quick view of Lake Lethe! ►2½ hours, 2½ miles. Tour limit: 40. Total stairs: 500 including 155 at Mammoth Dome. Elevation change: 360’. ►This tour covers the entire Historic Tour route. Limited sections of the Star Chamber, Mammoth Passage and Mammoth Cave Discovery Tours are also seen. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

### Star Chamber Tour

►This nostalgic trip into the cave’s natural entrance is reminiscent of the tours of old at Mammoth Cave. Who were the patients who desperately found their way to the short-lived tuberculosis hospital? Who was George S. Gatewood and why are his name and initials seen on the walls of Gothic Avenue? This trip is by lantern light. A great tour for summer campers! ►2½ hours, 1½ miles. Tour limit: 40. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 200. Elevation change: 160’. ►Includes parts of the Historic, Discovery, Violet City Lantern, and Mammoth Passage Tour routes. Lanterns may cause some discomfort for visitors with respiratory illnesses. Only adults may carry the provided lanterns. No flash photography or flashlight use on this tour. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

### Focus on Frozen Niagara Photo Tour

►A short evening tour for amateur photographers, visiting Rainbow Dome, Crystal Lake, Moonlight Dome, Onyx Collonade and the famous Frozen Niagara flowstone, with an optional trip to the Drapery Room. ►1½ hours, ¼ mile. Tour limit: 30. Total stairs: 13, plus an optional 98. Elevation change: 50’ at the Drapery Room. ►Participants will caravan in private vehicles as they follow the Ranger guide to the Frozen Niagara Entrance. This tour covers the same route as the Frozen Niagara Tour, and portions of the New Entrance and Grand Avenue Tours. Tripods are permitted on this tour only. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**

## SPELUNKING ADVENTURES



### Trog

►A kids-only off-trail adventure! Hike through the forest to the Historic Entrance and find out how the surface and subsurface are connected. Put on your hard hat and headlamp (provided) as you travel off-trail. Unlock the secrets of how the animals of Mammoth Cave survive in the deep dark as you hike, crawl and belly-slide through rarely visited passages. ►2½ hours, 1½ miles. Tour limit: 12. Age limit: 8-12 years only. Total stairs: 200. Elevation change: 180’. ►Shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Parents, guardians and/or chaperones must attend the first 30 minutes of the tour to assist when children “suit up” with their equipment, and must pick up children promptly at the end of the tour to assist with the shoe decontamination. Coveralls, kneepads, hard hats, and headlamps will be provided. Please bring extra pair of tennis shoes or sandals for use during shoe decontamination at the end of the tour. Sturdy shoes or hiking boots are required. No open toes or sandals. ►Meets at the Visitor Center flagpole. **Difficulty: Moderate.**



Sign language interpreters may be provided on cave tours by calling 270.758.2180 at least two weeks prior to the reserved tour(s).

For full park information, go online to [www.nps.gov/maca](http://www.nps.gov/maca) or call 270.758.2180.

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### Introduction to Caving

►Want to really go caving? Not sure if spelunking is for you? Try this short small-group caving challenge to discover things about the cave, and yourself. Bring your friends or family. ►3½ hours, 2 miles. Tour limit: 20. Age limit: 10 and older. Total stairs: 280+. Elevation change: 250’. ►An adult must accompany visitors under age 18. Chest or hip measurement must not exceed 42 inches; if you are larger, you cannot physically pass through the crawlspaces. High-top, over-the-ankle lace-up boots, with lug or deeply treaded soles, are required. No low-cut hiking or athletic shoes allowed. You will not be allowed to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear—No exceptions. Gym shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Please bring extra pair of tennis shoes or sandals for use during boot decontamination at the end of the tour. All equipment and outerwear provided, no personal caving equipment allowed. Bring no cameras—there will be no opportunity to use them on this activity. Requires at least 2 participants. Reserved tickets not claimed 30 minutes prior to tour departure may be re-sold. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**

### Wild Cave Tour

►Face the darkness—and the challenge. Journey with experienced guides and a small adult group through some of the starkly beautiful yet physically demanding “wild” areas of the cave. See places no other tour encounters. ►6-6½ hours, 5 miles. Tour limit: 14. Age limit: 16+; proof of age may be requested. Total stairs: . Elevation change: 300’. ►An adult must accompany visitors under age 18. Chest or hip measurement must not exceed 42 inches; if you are larger, you cannot physically pass through the crawlspaces. High-top, over-the-ankle lace-up boots, with lug or deeply treaded soles, are required. No low-cut hiking or athletic shoes allowed. You will not be allowed to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear—No exceptions. Gym shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Please bring extra pair of tennis shoes or sandals for use during boot decontamination at the end of the tour. All equipment and outerwear provided, no personal caving equipment allowed. Food is available at the Snowball Room. A box lunch can be purchased for \$7.50 (cash only). Visitors may bring a lunch and/or water bottle—a small fanny pack will be provided. Bring no cameras—there will be no opportunity to use them on this activity. Requires at least 2 participants. Reserved tickets not claimed 30 minutes prior to tour departure may be re-sold. ►Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Very Strenuous.**